

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: None.
5. Grandparents: None.
6. Brothers and Spouses: None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Croatia.

Nominee: Kenneth H. Merteno.

Post: Croatia.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: None.
3. Children and Spouses: Caryl Merten & Elisabeth Merten: None.
4. Parents: Edryne Merten: None.
5. Grandparents: N/A: None.
6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A: None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A: None.

*Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia.

Nominee: Mark A. Pekala.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to Latvia.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: Maria R. Pekala: None.
3. Children and Spouses: Julia C. Pekala: None; Nora M. Pekala: None.
4. Parents: Anne J. Pekala—deceased, Henry S. Pekala—deceased.
5. Grandparents: John (Jan) Pekala—deceased; Mary (Maria) Pekala—deceased; Michael Virbicki—deceased; Aleksandra Virbicki—deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Michael A. Pekala: None; Lori Pekala (spouse): None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Karen Pekala: \$500.00, 9/18/2008, Barack Obama via "Obama for America"; Judeth Hawkins: None; David Hawkins (spouse): None; Lisbeth O'Malley: None.

*Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Georgia.

Nominee: Richard B. Norland.

Post: Ambassador to Georgia.

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1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: Mary E. Hartnett, \$250, 9/9/2008, Obama for America; \$500, 10/28/2008, Obama for America.
3. Children and Spouses: Daniel Norland (son) and Jennifer Barkley (spouse): \$200, 2008, Obama for America; Kathleen Norland (daughter): None.
4. Parents: Donald R. Norland—deceased; Patricia B. Norland: None.

5. Grandparents: E. Norman Norland—deceased; Aletta Norland—deceased; August Bamman—deceased; Emily Bamman—deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: David Norland (brother): \$1,000, 04/01/11, Pawlenty for President Exploratory Committee; \$500, 10/29/10, Republican National Committee; \$250, 01/13/10, Scott Brown for U.S. Senate; \$250, 10/13/09, McDonnell for Governor; \$2,300, 09/09/08, McCain Victory 2008, \$1,300, 01/07/08, Romney for President, Inc.; \$1,000, 06/14/07, Romney for President, Inc; Susan Norland (spouse): None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Patricia D. Norland: None.

*Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Estonia.

Nominee: Jeffrey D. Levine.

Post: Ambassador.

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Contributions, amount, date, donee:

1. Self: \$200, 2008, Obama for President Campaign.
2. Spouse: Janie L. Keeler (joint contribution with myself as listed above*).
3. Children and Spouses: Nikolai David Levine (minor child—None).
4. Parents: Evelyn Bender: None.
5. Grandparents: deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Glenn Levine, None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*Sara Margalit Aviel, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

*Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations).

*Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization.

*Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

*Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Energy Resources).

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Olga Ford and ending with Margaret Shu Teasdale, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 2, 2012.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Terry L. Murphree and ending with Andrew J. Wylie, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 2, 2012.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Morgan D. Haas and ending with Stephen L. Wixom, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 29, 2012.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2238. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to require a regulation to limit the aggregate positions of nontraditional bona fide hedgers in petroleum and related products; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2239. A bill to direct the head of each agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2240. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the allowance for bonus depreciation for certain business assets; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. COONS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2241. A bill to ensure that veterans have the information and protections they require to make informed decisions regarding use of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 407. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that executives of the bankrupt firm MF Global should not be rewarded with bonuses while customer money is still missing; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 339

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 418

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri